Claim 17, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 13" to --claim 3--; Claim 18, line 2, change "any one of claims 15 to 17" to --claim 15--; Claim 22, line 2, delete "or 21"; Claim 23/line 2/ change "any one of claims 20 to 22" to --claim 20--; Claim 24 line 2 change "any one of claims 20 to 23" to --claim 20--; Claim 25/line 2, change "any one of claims 20 to 24" to --claim 20--; Claim 28, line 2, change "any one of claims 20 to 24" to --claim 20--; Claim \$7, line \$2, change "any one of claims 20 to 24" to --claim 20--; Claim 28, line 2, delete "or 26 or 27"; Claim 29/line 21 change "any one of claims 20 to 28" to --claim 20--; Claim 30/line 2/change "any one of claims 20 to 29" to --claim 20--; Claim 31/ line 2, change "any one of claims 20 to 30" to --claim 20--; Claim 32,/line 2, change "any one of claims 20 to 31" to --claim 20--: Claim 33, line 2/change "any one of claims 20 to 30" to --claim 20--; Claim 34/ line 2/ change "any one of claims 20 to 30" to --claim 20--; Claim 39, line 2, change "any one of claims 32 to 34" to --claim 32--.

REMARKS

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependency, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

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